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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 5, 2002 (for which petition is hereby made for a two month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 18-30.

10/11/2002 AJENKINS 00000001 141140 09463643 Add the following new claims:

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--31. (new) A nitride semiconductor light emitting device comprising; a substrate,

an active layer, a p-type contact layer and a three layer laminated structure sandwiched by said substrate and said active layer, said three layer laminated structure having a first nitride semiconductor layer, a second nitride semiconductor layer and a third nitride semiconductor layer, said second nitride semiconductor layer positioned between said

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